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SPREAD OF DISEASES DUE TO POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that due to pollution several diseases are spreading rapidly in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is preparing any action plan to check increasing pollution in various States particularly in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) Environmental pollution may cause incidences of mortality. However, there is no conclusive data available to establish cause-effect relationship between manifestations of various diseases and environmental pollution.

The Government has taken measures for control of pollution in various States including Maharashtra which include comprehensive policy for abatement of pollution, supply of improved auto-fuel including CNG, tightening of vehicular and industrial emission norms, mandatory environmental clearance for specified industries, management of municipal & bio-medical wastes, promotion of cleaner technologies, setting up of net-work of air & water quality monitoring stations, establishment of Common Effluent Treatment Plants, preparation and implementation of action plans for major cities and critically polluted areas.